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**APPLICATIONS SOUGHT FOR
NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

The Secretary of Commerce is seeking nominations for openings on the New England Fishery Management Council. Two at-large seats are currently open to nomination from the Commonwealth, one currently held by Mark Amorello of Massachusetts who is completing his first term and the other held by Ralph Boragine of Rhode Island also completing his first term. The New England Fishery Management Council is one of eight regional councils that manage our nation's marine fisheries seaward of state territorial waters. Responsibilities include the development of fishery management plans that are submitted to the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Secretary of Commerce for approval and implementation.

Governor Romney has been asked to nominate up to six candidates for each of these two seats. Candidates "by reason of their occupation or other experience, scientific expertise or training must be knowledgeable and experienced in ways related to fishery resources of New England." The Secretary of Commerce, seeking to achieve a balance between the commercial and recreational sectors has emphasized the importance of recreational fishing sector nominations.

Marine Fisheries will coordinate the nomination process on behalf of the Governor's office. Nominees must complete a comprehensive application which includes a philosophy statement and financial disclosure statement. We urge qualified individuals interested in being considered for nomination to the Council to contact Melanie Griffin at (617) 626-1528 or e-mail melanie.griffin@state.ma.us by February 13, 2004.

For further information on the Council and process visit www.nefmc.org.